

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS19658**

This legislation makes two changes in the chargeability provisions of the unemployment insurance law. The first involving eligible unemployment benefit claimants who also receive workers' compensation benefits would treat workers' compensation benefits received for lost wages as earnings assessed against the calculation of the weekly unemployment benefit. The second involving laid-off workers who have entered approved training courses would relieve the chargeable employer of further responsibility for unemployment benefit payments if the employer offers the laid-off worker suitable employment and the worker turns it down because the worker wants to complete the approved training.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There will be no impact on the General Fund.

There would be a positive impact on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, although it would appear minimal.

The number of workers in an approved training program affected by this legislation would likely be small.

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